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SUBJ: STAFFDEL MOOSE/MEISSNER - LAW OF THE SEA QUESTIONS

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1. EMBASSY BRIEFING MATERIALS FOR MOOSE/MEISSNER VISIT ON LOS DESCRIBE GOI ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT AND MALACCA STRAIT CLAIM, NOTE RESPONSIBLE INDONESIAN APPROACH TO DATE IN PURSUING ITS CLAIMS IN CONTEXT OF LOS NEGOTIATIONS, AND INDICATE USG ENGAGED IN QUIET DISCUSSIONS WITH INDONESIANS ON THESE QUESTIONS. DETAILED QUESTIONS WILL BE REFERRED TO DEPT. ON GROUNDS OF COMPLEXITY, MULTILATERAL CHARACTPR AND WASHINGTON-CENTERED NATURE OF ON-GOING NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT. CONCERNING NATURE OF POSSIBLE COMPROMISE AGREEMENT WITH GOI ON ARCHIPELAGO AND STRAIT, REQUEST DEPARTMENT APPROVAL OF FOLLOWING LANGUAGE FOR BRIEFING PAPER, WHICH IS AS FAR AS WE WOULD PROPOSE GOING WITH STAFFDEL ON THIS ASPECT US-GOI LOS RELATIONS: "IT NOT CLEAR YET WHETHER AGREEMENT WILL ULTIMATELY BE REACHED ALLOWING US TO ACCEPT ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT AND PROVIDING ADEQUATE PROTECTION FOR OUR ESSENTIAL INTERESTS IN FREE PASSAGE AND OVERFLIGHTS, BUT WE REMAIN HOPEFUL AND CONSIDER INDONESIAN ATTITUDE TOWARDS THESE QUESTIONS TO DATE AS REFLECTING RESPONSIBLE INTERNATIONAL CONDUCT."

2. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST EXPEDITIOUS CLEARANCE

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